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The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am a principal and the director of special services from Macomb Unit School District #185 in Macomb, Illinois. I appreciate your dedication in ensuring that all school districts will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$4.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

District 185 is making every effort to integrate global communications opportunities into the instructional program. The scope of this program will be severely limited or perhaps even short-lived without this discount plan.

Deep discounts for telecommunications services to schools are needed this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sally Sallee
Principal and Director of Special Services
Macomb Unit School District #185

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Connie Hendrix, Technology Resource Teacher
James Lick Middle School
1220 Noe Street
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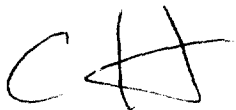
Hon. Rachelle B. Chong, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Commissioner Chong,

I'm writing to support the erate draft rules (CC Docket No. 96-95). These rules, if implemented, would give discounts from 20 to 90 percent for all telecommunication services based on poverty levels in school districts. I work in an urban school where more than 70% of our students qualify for free or reduced lunch price. Finding money for anything is difficult. By reducing the cost of high quality education tools for telecommunications, you'd be making my job easier and the education for our students better.

I'm currently working with UC Berkeley and Yerba Buena Gardens Center for the Arts to set up teacher training and student projects utilizing telecommunications. Access to telecommunications is essential to these projects.

Thank you for your support.



Connie Hendrix



April 22, 1997

The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am the Principal of Homeland Park Elementary School in Anderson, South Carolina. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your efforts and dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The funds planned for this effort will help provide service to our school and more importantly will bring services into the classrooms where my students can use it daily to increase learning opportunities. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital.

These discounts will enable our District to provide these connections within the classrooms. My school is located in a high poverty area. Approximately 85% of the students receive free or reduced-price lunches. Any assistance to help these children reach their full potential will be greatly appreciated. If we are to have an effective work force of tomorrow, we must make sure that the students of today are provided all opportunities. This plan will help make this a reality.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge you and the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Sincerely,

ALLEN B. ADKINS, Ed.D.
Principal

Homeland Park Elementary School
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner:

As the superintendent of Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five, I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and will provide distance-learning opportunities at a discounted rate. The school portion, \$ 2.25 billion a year, will ensure that the needs of our students, and schools are met.

Our district is currently one of the eight pilot sites funded through the South Carolina Two-Way Video Distance Learning Project. This plan would reduce the cost of continuing this initiative and would also enable us to expand these services and opportunities through the savings projected.

This plan will enable us to bring those services directly to the classroom and to our students. Those discounts on inside connections, Internet access, installation and maintenance are essential as we plan for the upcoming fiscal budget. Your recommendation is an important part of this process.

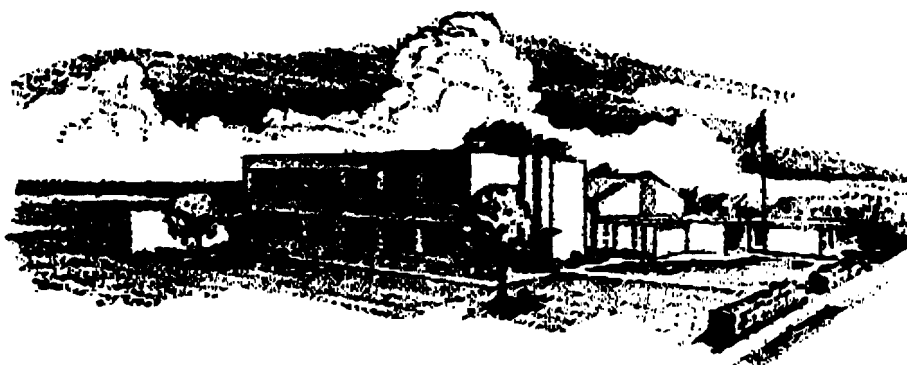
Our school district needs these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I ask the FCC to support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Walter L. Tobin'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Walter L. Tobin
Superintendent

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Cando Public School April 25, 1997

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am a school secretary from the Cando Public School District #8, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The 2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of Internet classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

In Cando, we are in the process of wiring our school for internet access. As you know, this is a big expenditure for a district with 345 students K-12. The possibilities I see for our students with Internet access is endless, but costly. Telecommunication providers should not capitalize on our schools or our children. Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications service this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely

Nicole Miller
 School Secretary
 Cando Public School

"Home of the Cubs"



Harmony Union School District

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Superintendent/Principal
Harmony Elementary School
Rick Brewer

April 22, 1997

Rachelle B. Chong, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am a locally elected school board member from Harmony Union School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Cindy Madill
Board President

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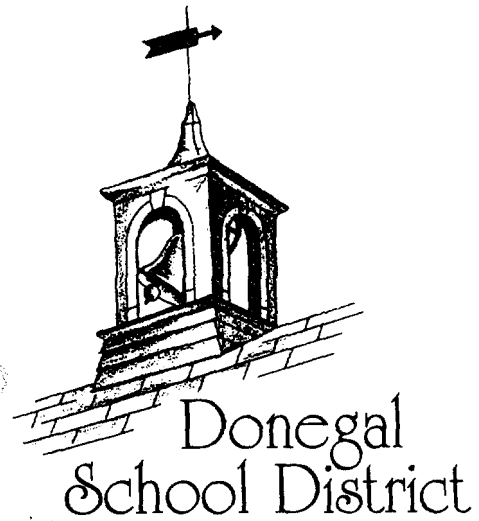
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I am the Business Manager of the Donegal School District, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

As the Business Manager of the district, I am a part of our organization's attempts to maintain a balanced budget that does not burden the local taxpayers while delivering a quality educational service to the local community.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

The discounts that we would receive would enable us to provide Internet access to all our students and members of our educational community. These discounts would also allow us to divert our diminishing monetary resources to the attention of our facilities and infrastructure that house our students and equipment.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

DONEGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT


George W. Ioannidis
Business Manager

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Office of the Secretary

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am a school principal from Wiseburn School District in Hawthorne, CA, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

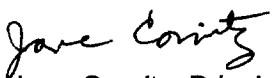
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Here in the 4-school Wiseburn Elementary District, we have passed a bond to re-wire the electrical systems of our schools so that each classroom will have 10 or more outlets, instead of the 2 that were included 20 to 40 years ago, when the schools were built. We will also be installing Cat 5 wiring, at least 5 drops per room, to support computer networking. We will start with the phone company's Education First ISDN lines between the schools and our district office, where network access arrives from the County Office of Education. Later on, we hope to install fiber between some of the schools (which happen to be located geographically close together), while retaining a paid telco connection to the more distant school. Your rate reductions will help us there, as well as in our connection to the County, which we will probably want to upgrade from ISDN to T1 as more classrooms come online. Your discount to schools for installation costs of wiring, routers and servers may allow us to have some money left over to buy workstations.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jane Comitz, Principal
Cabrillo Elementary School
5309 W. 135th Street
Hawthorne, CA 90250

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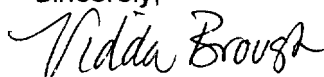
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Thank you.

Sincerely,



Vidda Brough, Principal
Burnett Elementary School
5403 W. 138th Street
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MOSHANNON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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HOUTZDALE, PENNSYLVANIA 16651

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Superintendent of Schools

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Elementary Principal

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am writing in reference to the FCC Federal State Joint Boards recommendation to provide important discounts to educational institutions for all telecommunications connections within the classrooms of our schools.

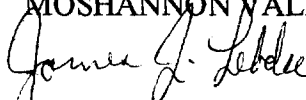
As Superintendent of the Moshannon Valley School District, I can assure you that we are committed to providing our students with every possible opportunity to benefit from recent and ongoing technological developments. However, as a rural school district in an economically impoverished area, we simply cannot afford costs associated with the expansion of such opportunities to all of our students. The discounts offered in the Joint Boards recommendations are essential to our efforts to provide rural students with the same equal opportunity as that available in wealthier school districts.

I encourage you to support the Joint Boards recommendation and provide schools like Moshannon Valley with much needed discounts for services and/or internal connections essential to continued growth and expansion of these wonderful technological opportunities.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

MOSHANNON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT


James J. Lebda, Ed.D.
Superintendent



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am a locally elected school board member from Washington Colony Elementary School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Millington Elementary School
172 Sassafras Street
Millington, MD 21651

Commissioner Rachelle B. Chong
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

The Faculty and staff of Millington Elementary School in Kent County Maryland would like you to include us as among the supporters of the Universal Service discounts for schools and libraries that have been recommended by the Joint Board. We believe that it is vital to the future welfare and opportunities of our students that all schools and libraries have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. We hope that the FCC will fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joseph S. Macey
Judith Colonna
Leslie Davis
Janet L. Horsesh
Anna Burns
Linda A. Taylor
Dawn M. Webb
Mike Ague

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

RE: CC Docket 96-45 - Universal Service to Schools and Libraries

I am writing in strong support of the meaningful discounts for schools and libraries as envisioned by the Federal-State Joint Board in their Recommended Rules published last November.

The Recommended Rules allow schools and libraries significant discounts for the telecommunications and *critical, non-telecommunications* services necessary to assure that *all* of our schools are connected to the Internet, and other on-line resources that are critical to live, learn and work in an increasingly information-driven world.

Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with the clear intent of insuring that Schools and Libraries would be able to access the latest technology. By allowing significant discounts on telecommunications services, local wiring and Internet access, the Joint Board has accurately recognized the needs of poorer schools that cannot afford the internal wiring necessary to connect with the Internet. By allowing telco and non-telco carriers to compete for the discounts, the Joint Board has also recognized the need for diverse technologies to serve the diverse urban and rural areas of the State.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter for our schools and libraries – and – ultimately for us all, as a better educated community benefits everyone. Please do not hesitate to call if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,
Neil and Rosemary Costello



"Uplifting Education"

Robert Shannon
Superintendent

Randall Watson
Asst. Superintendent
for Instruction

Perry McCabe
Asst. Superintendent
for Business

John Black
Director of
Special Education

McPherson Unified School District 418

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April 22, 1997

The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

On behalf of the Board of Education of McPherson USD 418, I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and more importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the work force of tomorrow.

McPherson USD 418 has a plan for connecting all classrooms, labs, and offices to the Internet through our local cable television (Multimedia Cablevision) in conjunction with Southwestern Bell and an internet service provider. However, such services are very expensive and the ability to maintain them in the face of other needs is often difficult. Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. On behalf of the Board of Education of McPherson USD 418, I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Perry McCabe, Assistant Superintendent
for Business

McPherson USD 418
514 North Main
McPherson, Kansas 67460

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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

Thank you for helping ensure that all schools and libraries have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

We are excited that the Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have an opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion annually will address the needs of all our schools, and the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts and Internet Service Provider costs is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Over 70% of our students receive financial assistance to attend our school. They need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

Richard F. Odell

Richard F. Odell
President

RFO/lm

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

WE are faculty and staff from Dr. Mudd Elementary in Maryland. We are writing in support of the Universal Service discounts for schools and libraries that have been recommended by the Joint Board.

We would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Joint Board discount plan will guaranteed that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and, importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discount is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Liola Jodest
Susan Carlock
Janice M. Evans
Denise T. Wierking
Kids of Christy
Janet M. Luty
Carol Beck
Elizabeth Wick
Joyce Gregory

Janet M. Luty



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JUNE D. BRADFELD, Ed.S., Executive Director

April 24, 1997

The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45
Letter of Support

Dear Commissioner Chong:

It is my understanding that you are now working to implement the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for schools and libraries. Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication to the boys and girls of Georgia. I am an educational consultant working with children and adults from ten school systems in the Heart of GA RESA area. They include the counties of Bleckley, Dodge, Laurens, Montgomery, Pulaski, Telfair, Treutlen, Wheeler and Wilcox and the city system of Dublin.

As you can see, our systems are rural and lacking many of the amenities of large systems such as those found in the metropolitan areas of our state. Most of our students come from families whose parent(s) have little education and who are well below the poverty level. These children have little opportunity for success except for those opportunities which are provided by their schools.

The Telecommunications Act will guarantee that the schools in our area will receive much-needed telecommunications discounts that will enable them to have access to distance-learning opportunities and Internet capabilities. This will ensure that our students will have opportunity for success.

I ask that you consider the futures of the children in our area and support the Telecommunications Act. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Wynn".

Donna Wynn

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The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong
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Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am the coordinator of the Heart of Georgia Youth Science & Technology Center in Eastman, Georgia and I would like to thank you for your support of technology information and the importance of the internet.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. This plan is very important and vital to the rural areas of Georgia as we seek to compete with much larger school communities. Our children deserve the same and equal opportunities as those of more influential systems.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ron Bryant

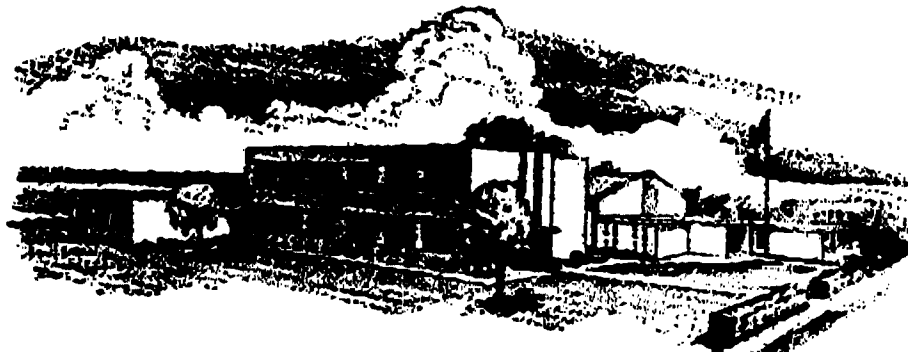
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In Cando, we are in the process of wiring our school for internet access. As you know, this is a big expenditure for a district with 345 students K-12. The possibilities I see for our students with Internet access is endless, but costly. Telecommunication providers should not capitalize on our schools or our children. Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications service this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely

Susan Davis
Business Manager
Cando Public School

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Federal Communications Commission
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Chong:

WE are faculty and staff from *BERRY ELEMENTARY* in Maryland. We are writing in support of the Universal Service discounts for schools and libraries that have been recommended by the Joint Board.

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am the superintendent from Treutlen County Schools, and I am writing to express my gratitude for the actions you have taken to ensure that all school districts will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

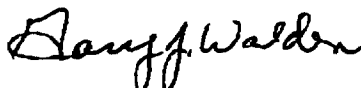
Educators in our system are very concerned about preparing the workforce of tomorrow. The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and, in our case, be able to continue to provide distance-learning opportunities. It is important to bring these services directly to the classroom where students learn. Thus, your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is crucial.

We currently have one dial-in connection to the Internet at two of our three schools. Needless to say, we cannot meet the needs of all our students with this limited access. Those discounts would allow us to provide the wonderful resources available on the Information Superhighway to a greater numbers of students, a benefit magnified by our inaccessibility to more traditional resources that are available to schools in more populated parts of our state.

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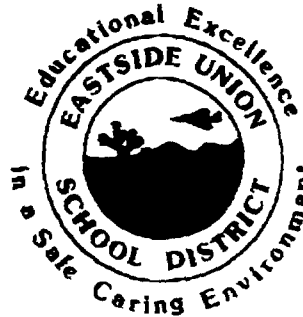
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Gary J. Walden
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April 18, 1997

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

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Office of Secretary

I am writing to you in regard to the Federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Rate Program. I am a locally elected school board member from the Eastside Union School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

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The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations requiring the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

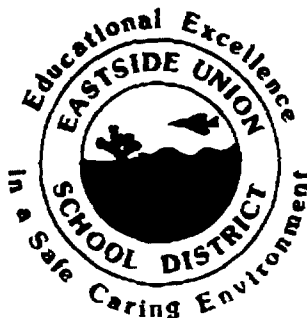
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Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. This discount will allow all students in grade 4 through 8 in the Eastside Union School District to have Internet access for research and communications with distance school districts. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

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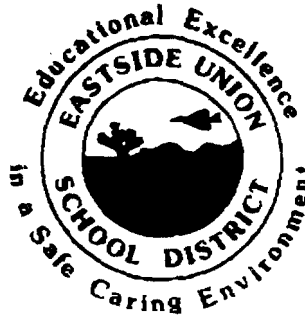
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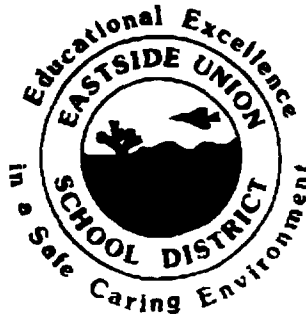
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